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Report on Activities FY 2015-2016

In accordance with Section 13 of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*

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Minister for Road Safety

**STATUTORY REPORT – ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES
2015-2016**

Pursuant to Section 13 of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*, the Road Safety Council submits its report on the activity of the Road Safety Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2016.

Yours sincerely



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The 2015/2016 was a year of change for the Road Safety Council and road safety governance in Western Australia. The major milestone in this transition was on 1 July 2015 with the Road Safety Commission being established, followed by my appointment as Commissioner of Road Safety in late October 2015, reporting directly to the Minister for Road Safety.

Professor Murray Lampard APM completed tenure as the Chair of the Road Safety Council on 31 October 2015. Under Professor Lampard's Chairmanship from 2012-2015, the Road Safety Council recommended more than \$320m to fund projects and initiatives for road safety in Western Australia. These included over \$180m in major infrastructure and road treatments in both metropolitan and regional areas and almost \$50m in programs and initiatives addressing excess and inappropriate speed crashes. Numerous legislative changes directly impacting road safety across the *Safe System* cornerstones were also supported through to implementation during this time.

The Road Safety Community Grants program moved to be administered by the Office of Road Safety in 2013-2014, with Professor Lampard chairing the Road Safety Grants Committee. In his time as Chair, over \$540,000 was granted to more than 200 community initiatives supporting road safety projects at a grassroots level.

The Road Safety Council entered a year of significant transition in 2015, with the Road Safety Commission being established as a stand-alone agency. With any change comes challenges, which will continue as the road safety landscape evolves and moves forward in Western Australia.

A significant milestone was achieved in 2015/2016 with the State Government's *Towards Zero 2008-2020* road safety strategy now 75 per cent of the way towards completion. A review is now underway into the progress and effectiveness of the strategy in achieving the objective of a 40 per cent reduction in road death and serious injury on Western Australian roads.

Kim Papalia
Chair of the Road Safety Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Road Safety Council (the Council) met five times during 2015/2016.

The Commissioner of Road Safety was appointed as a key recommendation of the State Government's Review of Road Safety Governance in Western Australia. A central issue in that report focused on the perceived conflicts of interest in membership of the Council and their participation in making recommendations on funding from the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) for programs and initiatives within their own agencies.

The Commissioner of Road Safety was appointed as the Chair of the Road Safety Council on 12 November 2015. Since then, the Council has been actively informed of the transition to an alternative road safety informing framework. The Council will continue to meet until such time that legislative change can be undertaken to amend its enabling legislation the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*.

In November 2015, the Road Safety Commission conducted a Gateway Review to analyse its transition from the Office of Road Safety and identify areas for future attention to ensure its ability to deliver on its core business on behalf of the State Government. Several Road Safety Councillors participated in that exercise offering their views and experiences as interviewees.

The *Road Safety Commission Annual Report 2015-2016* now becomes the primary document related to the Agency's activities, performance and fiscal responsibilities in respect to road safety in Western Australia and should be read in conjunction with this report.

Responsible Minister

The Honourable Liza Harvey MLA, Minister for Road Safety.

Enabling Legislation

The Road Safety Council was established in 1997. It is a statutory body under Section 4 of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002* (the Act).

Administered Legislation

The Road Safety Council does not administer any legislation.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Road Safety Council remains the statutory advisory body to government and under Section 13 of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*, is required to provide an annual report to the Minister for Road Safety about the activities of the Council.

The Road Safety Commission has produced its first annual report and provides the details of performance and achievements against goals and objectives of the *Towards Zero* strategy. The Road Safety Commission has developed Agency Performance Areas that are aligned to the four 'Safe System' cornerstones of the State Government's *Towards Zero 2008-2020* road safety strategy and its administrative requirements.

The *Road Safety Commission Annual Report 2015-2016* should be read in conjunction with the *Road Safety Council Report on Activities 2015-2016*.

Function of the Road Safety Council

Prior to the Road Safety Commission being established on 1 July 2015, the Council's function has been to:

- Identify measures to improve the safety of roads in the State and to reduce death and serious injury of people and the damage to property, resulting from incidents occurring on roads in the State;
- Make recommendations to relevant agencies of the actions that should be taken to implement those measures;
- Co-ordinate the implementation of those measure by relevant agencies and persons;
- Evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of those measures;
- Evaluate and monitor the safety of roads in the State;
- Recommend to the Minister how funds standing to the credit of the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) should be spent to implement those measures and to facilitate the performance of the Council's functions; and
- Make recommendation to the Minister in compliance with directions given by the Minister under Section 6a.

Transition

This financial year has been one of transition for the Road Safety Council and the role it has traditionally performed in recommending the direction of road safety strategy to the Minister for Road Safety as a result of the establishment of the Road Safety Commission.

In 2013 Peter Browne Consulting was commissioned by the State Government to examine the governance and administrative processes of road safety in Western Australia. The resulting report, *A Review of Road Safety Governance in Western Australia* (Browne Review) was delivered. The report was endorsed by Cabinet in March 2015.

A review of the Road Safety Council was included in the scope of the Browne Review, along with the then Office of Road Safety. In relation to the Road Safety Council, the Browne Review sought:

To examine the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Road Safety Council with a view to identifying any alternative and improved forms of delivery of the functions of either or both the Road Safety Council and the Office of Road Safety, and in particular the Council's:

- (a) structure, including its membership, processes and procedures;*
- (b) capacity to make recommendations to the Minister about the strategic use of the Road Trauma Trust Account including projects to be funded in order to improve road safety in Western Australia; and*
- (c) capacity, in conjunction with the Office of Road Safety, to provide leadership in road safety in Western Australia.*

A key finding of the Browne Review was that it was evident that the governance model established in 1997 was no longer adequately addressing the complex circumstances of road safety in Western Australia.

Following establishment of the Road Safety Commission as a Department of State pursuant to section 35(1)(a) of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, recommendations that were proposed by Browne are being implemented. Many of these directly impact on the role and function of the Road Safety Council. Specific issues related to the recommendations in the Browne Review are explored further later in this report.

Several members of the Council participated in the Road Safety Commission's first Gateway Review in late 2015. This was undertaken to analyse the transition of the organisation from the Office of Road Safety and determine any gaps in current structure, capability and capacity to deliver road safety outcomes on behalf of the State Government. The recommendations of the report have been progressively implemented since that time.

Membership of the Road Safety Council during 2015-2016

Under Section 6 of the Act, the Council consists of twelve members appointed by the Minister. They are:

- a. A person to be the Chairman of the Council;
- b. A person to represent users of the roads;
- c. A person to represent local government, nominated by the Western Australian Local Government Association;
- d. A person employed in the department of the Public Service principally assisting the Minister in the administration of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002* whose duties relate to road safety;
- e. A person nominated by the Minister administering the provisions of the *Road Safety Traffic Act 1974*, that relate to licensing provisions;
- f. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *Police Act 1892*;
- g. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *School Education Act 1999*;
- h. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *Health Act 1911*;
- i. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *Main Roads Act 1930*;
- j. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *Transport Co-ordination Act 1966*;
- k. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;
- l. A person nominated by the Minister administering the *Insurance Commission of Western Australia Act 1986*.

While the Act outlines membership of twelve in the Council, there are currently ten members. This is due to:

1. The Department of Transport having responsibility for both the licensing provisions of the *Road Traffic (Authorisation to Drive) Act 2008* and the *Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2008* which split from the *Road Traffic Act 1974* on 27 April 2008.
2. The current Chairman of the Council fulfils a dual role satisfying the requirement specified in subsection d. in his role as Commissioner of Road Safety.

Road Safety Council Representation

Representing	Member	Deputy Member
Chair	Kim Papalia ¹ Commissioner of Road Safety Road Safety Commission	No deputy
Department of Education	Lindsay Hale Executive Director Statewide Planning and Delivery	Karen Webster Director, Curriculum and Student Support Services
Department of Health	Dr Tarun Weeramanthri Executive Director, Public Health and Clinical Services Divisions	Dr Andy Robertson Deputy Chief Health Officer
Department of Planning	John Chortis Director of Infrastructure and Planning	B. Imre Szito Manager Land Use and Infrastructure Planning
Department of Transport	Nina Lyhne Managing Director Transport Services	Andrew Lee Director Strategy, Policy and Governance
Insurance Commission of WA	Rick Howe Deputy Chief Executive	Kane Blackman Commission Secretary
Local Government	Geoff Amphlett ² Councillor, City of Joondalup	Terri-Anne Pettet ³ Manager RoadWise Program
Main Roads WA	Des Snook ⁴ Executive Director, Road Network Services	David Moyses Manager, Road Safety Branch
Road Safety Commission	Kim Papalia Commissioner of Road Safety	No deputy ⁵
Road Users	Anne Still Senior Manager, Policy and Research Royal Automobile Club of WA	Jill Darby ⁶ RAC Councillor Royal Automobile Club of WA
WA Police Service	Craig Donaldson ⁷ Acting Commander Specialist and Support Services	Michael Peters Acting Commander State Traffic Operations

Notes:

1. The term for the previous Chair, Professor Murray Lampard APM, ended on 31 October 2015. Cabinet approved Commissioner Papalia's appointment to the role of Chair on 12 October 2015, with that term commencing on 12 November 2015.
2. The term for Councillor Geoff Amphlett ended on 17 October 2015. The new member representing Local Government, Councillor Stephen Fox, was appointed by Cabinet on 5 September 2016.
3. The term for Terri-Anne Pettet ended on 26 November 2016. Cabinet approved the reappointment of Ms Pettet as Deputy representing Local Government on 5 September 2016.
4. Des Snook advised the Council that he would be stepping down from his role. The new Member representing Main Road WA, Douglas Morgan, was appointed by Cabinet on 5 September 2016.
5. The Deputy position for Road Safety Commission became vacant when Linley Crackel moved to a role outside the Road Safety Commission on 26 April 2016; no replacement was appointed to the role.
6. The term for Jill Darby ended on 21 October 2015. Cabinet approved the reappointment of Ms Darby as the Deputy representing Road Users on 5 September 2016.
7. Craig Donaldson advised the Council that he would be stepping down from his role. The new Member representing WA Police, Paul Zanetti, was appointed on 5 September 2016.

Table of Road Safety Council Member Agencies – Areas of Responsibility

Road Safety Council Member	Areas of Responsibility
Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presides over Road Safety Council meetings • Communication of Council recommendations • Advocates for road safety improvements
RAC WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents all users of roads and paths on Road Safety Council • Educates the community (particularly in relation to safe roads and safe vehicles) • Advocates for road safety improvements
WALGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents local Government on the Road Safety Council • Provides leadership to and advocacy for local Government (which designs, builds and maintains the local road network) • Facilitates community level participation in road safety • Advocates for road safety improvements
Department of Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets safety standards for the licensing of drivers and vehicles • Licensing of drivers and vehicles for safe entry/exit and use of the road transport system • Supports and encourages the use of alternative forms of transport
Department of Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governs statutory conditions imposed on land developments in its role to improve quality of life for all Western Australians • Develop and implement policies for safe road network planning for all modes of transport. • Protects and delivers a safe and efficient strategic regional road network in the Metropolitan and Peel Regional Schemes and encourages urban design and planning that enhances road safety.
Western Australia Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforces road user behaviour for safe use of the roads and collects and analyses information on road crashes
Department of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educates young road users through early childhood centres, school systems via Road Aware Programs • Provides road safety information to parents and carers of infants, children and young people via Road Aware programs • Provides professional learning about road safety to teachers and community based professionals via Road Aware Programs
Department of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educates the community (particularly in relation to trauma, alcohol and drug use) • Treats those injured in, or affected by road crashes • Collects and analyses road crash injury data
Main Roads WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs, builds, operates and maintains the State road network • Manages Black Spot and Safer Roads and Bridges program • Sets speed limits and collects and analyses road crash injury data
Insurance Commission of WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages motor vehicle injury insurance • Makes payments to injured road users • Collects and analyses road crash injury data • Promotes road safety awareness through sponsorship of various road safety initiatives

The Role of the Road Safety Commission

The Road Safety Commission was established as a stand-alone agency to co-ordinate a collaborative response with increased commitment and accountability for road safety, with the ultimate goal being to reduce road trauma in Western Australia. The Road Safety Commission reports directly to the Minister for Road Safety, through the Commissioner of Road Safety.

The Office of Road Safety, a business unit within Main Roads Western Australia, provided a significant secretariat function to the operation of Road Safety Council. The Road Safety Commission now provides that function, recognising the changed reporting lines to the Minister for Road Safety.

The core functions of the Road Safety Commission are:

- Administration of public investment in road safety, via the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA)
- Whole of community co-ordination and collaboration
- Strategy and policy
- Strategic communication

These core functions are aligned with the expectations of Government. Ultimately the Road Safety Commission takes direction from the Minister for Road Safety on strategic initiatives aimed at reducing road trauma in Western Australia.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES IMPACTING THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

Browne Review

The Browne Review made many recommendations to support a future direction for road safety in Western Australia. One of these recommendations was to appoint a Commissioner of Road Safety to oversee the Office of the Commissioner (Road Safety Commission) of Road Safety, which was delivered on 1 July 2015. A number of potential perceived conflicts of interest were identified in the Browne Review that led to recommendations to change the governance framework and how the State's Road Safety Strategy is informed. This understanding included acknowledgement that despite the integrity of members, conflict of interest and perceptions of conflict of interest were inherent in the structure of the Road Safety Council and recommended significant change be implemented to mitigate such risk.

Legislation

The Road Safety Council is governed by legislation. Until such time as changes can be made to the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*, the Council will continue to meet however, its fundamental role in advising road safety strategy has shifted to the Road Safety Commission.

A new Road Safety Advisory Framework addressing the perceived conflicts of interest identified by the Browne Review is currently being implemented.

Data Linkage Issues

There was a significant, unexplained decrease in the reported number of seriously injured people in 2014 and 2015, compared to previous years. The Road Safety Commission and data supply agencies have identified that changes to data collection processes by primary agencies contributed to the change in statistical reporting.

In mid-2015, following release of the 2014 IRIS crash data, the Road Safety Commission identified a significant reduction in the number of people seriously injured in road crashes in Western Australia. Drawing on the stakeholder agencies responsible for IRIS data collection and processing, the Road Safety Commission undertook an investigation into this decline. It was confirmed that this reduction is unlikely to be genuine and more likely to be a result of unrecoverable data processing failure.

The Road Safety Commission advised the Road Safety Council of this data integrity issue at the meeting on 25 June 2016. A decision has been made to continue with publication of the *2014 Crash Statistics Book*, with a caveat disclosing and explaining the data continuity issues.

Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy Evaluation

The Western Australian road safety strategy *Towards Zero 2008-2020*, was adopted in March 2009. The target outlined in *Towards Zero* is to realise 11,000 fewer people killed or seriously injured on Western Australia Roads between 2008 and 2020, a reduction of up to 40 per cent on the average number of people killed or seriously injured each year, compared to the average number of persons killed or seriously injured during 2005 and 2007.

Since inception of *Towards Zero* there has been a steady decrease in killed or seriously injured persons on our roads however, there are significant challenges to achieving a 40 per cent reduction by 2020.

Introduction of a new Advisory Framework to Inform Road Safety Strategy

The Browne Review recommended a significant change to the governance and advisory model for road safety in Western Australia. A new framework to inform road safety strategy is one of the initiatives being developed to support this recommendation.

The Road Safety Advisory Framework (the Framework) will incorporate a diverse range of interests from the private sector, government agencies and the community. Groups and individuals who possess particular expertise, interest or have ownership of road safety issues will have the opportunity to provide input into policy and initiatives. Through collaboration with these groups and key stakeholders, the Road Safety Commission will be provided with strategic, operational and tactical advice.

A key recommendation was the introduction of expert opinion into the informing process, expressed in the report as a Panel of Experts. This will form one of the groups in the Framework. This group will comprise three road safety experts who will provide strategic advice on road safety to the Road Safety Commission.

A second body comprised of strategic thinkers, innovators and eminent Western Australians will form the 'Road Safety Advisory Body', providing another layer of strategic advice.

The important voice of high risk road users, will come from a third group known as the 'Vulnerable Road Users Advisory Group', which will include representation from cyclists, motorcyclists, pedestrians, seniors and people with disability. This group is an evolution from the Vulnerable Road User Group previously operating with RAC. Industry Road Safety Alliances will form the fourth group, which will include industry, State and Local Government and RoadWise Road Safety Advisors. The Alliances will focus on road safety issues in regional Western Australia, which was an area also highlighted for greater attention in the Browne Review.

Key Government stakeholders, including those currently represented on the Road Safety Council, will continue to be involved in the road safety environment through the Road Safety Intelligence Centre, which forms the hub of the framework, into which all advice and information is collected, analysed and developed into project outputs benefiting road safety outcomes.

Community engagement will also be an important informing element in the framework. A committed approach to community engagement will result in better policy, program development, and greater transparency both for Government and the community.

Changes in the informing framework will ultimately entail changes to the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*.

MEETINGS 2015-2016

The Road Safety Council held meetings on the following dates in 2015-2016:

1. 30 July 2015
2. 29 October 2015
3. 26 November 2015
4. 18 April 2016
5. 29 June 2016

In accordance with Section 11 of the Act, minutes of each meeting were recorded.

Register of Attendance

The following table outlines the attendance of Members and Deputies at each of the Road Safety Council meetings in 2015-2016. Other observers, presenters or irregular attendees are not provided.

	30 Jul	29 Oct	26 Nov	18 Apr	29 Jun
Chair - Murray Lampard ¹	x	x			
Chair/ Road Safety Commission Member Kim Papalia ²	x	x	x	x	x
Road Safety Commission Deputy – Linley Crackel ³	x	x	x		
Dept of Education Member – Lindsay Hale		x		x	
Dept of Education Deputy – Karen Webster	x		x		x
Dept of Health Member – Dr Tarun Weeramanthri					
Dept of Health Deputy – Dr Andy Robertson		x	x		
Dept of Planning Member – John Chortis		x	x	x	x
Dept of Planning Deputy – Imre Szito		x		x	x
Dept of Transport Member - Nina Lyhne	x				
Dept of Transport Deputy – Andrew Lee		x	x		x
Insurance Commission WA Member – Rick Howe ⁴	x	x	x	x	x
Insurance Commission WA Member – Kane Blackman ⁵	x			x	
Main Roads WA Member – Des Snook ⁶	x	x			
Main Roads WA Member – Doug Morgan ⁷				x	
Main Road WA Deputy – David Moyses					
RAC Member – Anne Still	x	x	x		
RAC Deputy – Jill Darby ⁸	x	x	x	x	x
WA Police Member – Craig Donaldson ⁹	x	x		x	x
WA Police Deputy – Michael Peters ¹⁰	x	x	x	x	
WALGA Member – Geoff Amphlett ¹¹	x				
WALGA Member – Stephen Fox ¹²					x
WALGA Member – Timothy Barling ¹³					x
WALGA Deputy – Terri-Anne Pettet ¹⁴	x	x	x	x	x

Notes

1. Murray Lampard's tenure as Chair ended on 30 October 2015
2. Kim Papalia's tenure as Chair commenced on 1 November 2015.

3. Linley Crackel moved to a role outside of RSC on 26 April 2016; the role of Deputy representing the Road Safety Commission was not replaced.
4. Rick Howe was appointed to the role of Member representing the Insurance Commission of WA on 5 August 2015. His attendance at meetings previous to this date was as an observer.
5. Kane Blackman was appointed to the role of Deputy representing the Insurance Commission of WA on 5 August 2015. His attendance at meetings previous to this date was as an observer.
6. Des Snook's role as Member representing Main Roads WA Member ended 1 April 2016.
7. Main Roads WA Member-in-waiting Doug Morgan attended the 18 April meeting as an observer. Mr Morgan was subsequently appointed to the role on 5 September 2016.
8. Jill Darby's role as Deputy representative of Road Users expired on 21 October 2015. Her attendance at meetings after that date was as an observer. Ms Darby was subsequently reappointed to the role on 5 September 2016.
9. Craig Donaldson was appointed to the role of Member representing WA Police on 5 August 2015. His attendance at meetings previous to this date was as an observer.
10. Michael Peters was appointed to the role of Deputy representing WA Police on 5 August 2015. His attendance at meetings previous to this date was as an observer.
11. Geoff Amphlett's role as Member representing Local Government ended on 17 October 2017.
12. Local Government Member nominee, Stephen Fox, attended the 29 June meeting as an observer. Councillor Fox was subsequently appointed to the role on 5 September 2016.
13. Local Government Member nominee, Timothy Barling, attended the 29 June meeting as an observer pending potential appointment to the role.
14. Terri-Anne Pettet's role as Deputy representing Local Government expired on 21 October 2015. Her attendance at meetings after that date was as an observer. Ms Pettet was subsequently reappointed to the role on 5 September 2016.

ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES 2015-2016

The priority of initiatives delivered in 2015/2016 were recommended by the Road Safety Council. Details of the outcomes and achievements for this financial year are documented in the *Road Safety Commission Annual Report 2015/2016*.

A selection of key items delivered emanating from Road Safety Council initiatives in 2015/2016 follows.

12 Most Asked About Road Rules

This initiative was comprised of an interactive website and booklet explaining the rules and penalties for a range of road rules – those reported to be the most confusing for West Australian road users. The twelve road rules were collated based on enquiries the Road Safety Commission received and encouraged drivers, passengers, motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians to visit the website in a bid to better share the responsibility of road safety. The project was heavily championed by Chairman Murray Lampard and delivered during his tenure.

Unsecured Loads

The Road Safety Council approved a community grant application from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council to launch a community education program aimed at reminding all road users about the dangers of unsecured loads and their responsibilities to secure loads. Main Roads WA spends approximately \$3m on cleaning debris and rubbish from our major roads. Western Australia rates as the second worst state for rubbish on roads in Australia. The initiative garnered significant media interest.

Wheatbelt Highway Safety Review

The Wheatbelt Highway Safety Review commenced in March 2015 and included a cross-agency working group with representatives from the Road Safety Commission, Main Roads WA, WA Police, the Western Australian Local Government Association and the office of the Minister for Road Safety. Several members of the Road Safety Council were members of the Wheatbelt Highway Safety Review Working Group (WHSRWG) that worked to bring together this review and resulting in recommendations to improvements to the Great Eastern and Great Southern Highways.

This review was undertaken to address the significantly higher than average rates of fatal and serious crashes in the Wheatbelt region relative to other regions of the state. Previously high risk road segments along routes in the Wheatbelt region have been identified for attention, although a more strategic approach to funding has been identified as a result of the review.

Recommendations from the resulting report are now being implemented, including \$5m allocated from the 2016-17 budget to upgrade Great Southern Highway between Chidlow and York, and the Great Eastern Highway in The Lakes area. The funding will be used to widen and seal the road shoulders on sections of Great Eastern Highway, to install barriers, and to improve delineation and signage on Great Southern Highway.

Vulnerable Road Users Group

The Vulnerable Road Users Group included representation from the RAC, Department of Transport, Local Government, Motorcyclist Groups, Cycling Groups, WA Police and specific health-related stakeholders with special needs representing vulnerable road users including the aged and people with disability.

The collective voice of Vulnerable Roads Users will continue to be heard as a critical source of information that will feed directly into the new Advisory Framework under the new informing strategy for road safety.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ROAD TRAUMA TRUST ACCOUNT 2015-2016

For the purposes of the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the *Auditor General Act 2006*, the Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) is administered by Road Safety Commission principally assisting the Minister in the administration of the *Road Safety Council Act 2002*.

At its 27 November 2014 meeting, the Council considered the 2015/16 RTTA Budget and made budget recommendations subsequently approved by the Minister for Road Safety for the 2015/16 State Government Budget.

On 22 December 2014, the Ministerial Council on Road Safety comprising various Ministers, Chief Executive Officers and senior public servants, met and endorsed the 2015/2016 RTTA Budget for presentation to the Economic and Expenditure Reform Committee.

Details and all financial statements related to these for the financial year 2015/2016 are documented in the *Road Safety Commission Annual Report 2015/2016*.

PERFORMANCE OF THE COUNCIL

The Members and Deputies of the Road Safety Council were surveyed on the performance of the Council in 2015. Their responses were collated and summarised as follows.

The rating scale ranges from 1 not satisfied to 10 excellent. Only 50 per cent of the councillors responded to the survey.

1.

	Rating											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Ave	
Rate your level of satisfaction with the Road Safety Council's Performance in 2015 overall				1	3	3	1	1	1			6.2

Questions around how Council can improve its performance or effectiveness

2. How to improve the effectiveness of meetings and/or discussions?

1. Ensuring the right people with the appropriate skills, knowledge and understanding participate in the discussions.
2. Establish a balanced schedule of topics to be considered across the year to ensure that the priority and strategic level matters are discussed.
3. A brief discussion should always be provided on how items discussed will or could be effective in addressing the Council's goals in the short term and also if Legislation requirements how these can be more effectively managed. It is clear over the years that many items or strategies are stalled and potential value diminished if not effectively implemented.
4. Keep the agenda focused on decision items.
5. Strategic discussions of policy and initiatives and less on governance of RTTA funds (which is the Minister and Commissioner's role)
6. More focused discussion, less marketing by RAC.
7. More focus on new initiatives, discussions from members less focus on reporting statistics – processes. This should be taken as read.
8. The agenda has been reigned in well for meetings, wider ranging strategic discussion for the start of the year would be appreciated.
9. Councillors are just not committed to their role. They are distracted by their iPhones and iPads during meetings and failed to contribute to important strategic issues that confront road safety.

3. For the Road Safety Council Chairman?

1. Meeting facilitation that encourages engagement.
2. Facilitate inclusive meetings.
3. The chairing has been effective; summaries can be over-elaborated. Clarity on the items which require Ministerial discussion and how this will be delivered or undertaken, would provide Council with more confidence on delivery of the *Towards Zero* strategy.
4. Keep the meeting to the timeframe.
5. No longer applicable.
6. Facilitate contribution from all members.
7. Same as above, listen more talk less. Encourage discussion, refocus back on continue review of *Towards Zero*.
8. Nil.
9. Give the Chairman the power to report on the performance of the Council and particularly the councillors.

4. Do you have any other suggestions for improvement?

1. Provide further opportunities to workshop initiatives, particularly planning.
2. Chair or commissioner should have a clear and transparent plan to communicate which items will be reinforced to the Minister, or worked through Government machinery. This is not always clear to members. Members who provide summaries or progress on projects should be clearly briefed on deliverable items. All members seek value for money and safety outcomes with timely deliverables of RTTF project items.
3. The meetings should be shorter than they have been – 2 hours should be the goal
4. Reduce the membership of the Council and turn into a CEO group of key agencies (Commission, MRWA, DoT and Health) that can deliver co-ordinated policy and action
5. More integration with activities of RSC. More performance focused.
6. Discussion on media – community issues that are current.
7. Stronger shared responsibility could be taken in aligning and promoting initiatives
8. Some of the government agencies should not be represented on the council and there are other people in the community and in business that would provide better input. Current counsellors are too fearful of their own chain of command and respected ministers to make proper decisions in the best interests of road safety.

The following questions are rated on qualitative statements, rated by %

Aspect	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Administrative Support	67	33		
Finance	22	56	22	
Project Management of RTTA Funds	22	56	22	
Research, Policy Advice and Support	33	56	11	
Agendas – Quality of topics and papers	11	44	44	
Agenda – addressing significant road safety issues		56	44	
Agenda – appropriate time for topics		56	44	
Agenda – sufficient background to promote informed discussion and decision making	44	22	33	
Agenda – are presentations useful in assisting with decision making?	22	67	11	
Chairman – does Chair meet your requirements to Chair, summarise and synthesise group's views, adhere to time constraints and provide strategic direction, act and lead well?		44	56	
Chairman – ensuring that significant risks facing the Road Safety Council have been identified and appropriate control, monitoring, and reporting mechanisms in place?	11	56	33	
Council participation – during RSC meetings is there a satisfactory level of interaction and opportunity for expression of diverse views during discussion	11	33	56	
Council Participation – when decision reached, do council members demonstrate cohesion in accepting and supporting Council's position.		89	11	

Feedback on Browne Review Recommendations

5. Do you have any contribution that you wish us to consider?

1. WALGA requests consideration be given to the response submitted to the Review and further seeks and opportunity to provide input before a final decision is made on the composition and functions of the Advisory Council and panel of experts.
2. It will be important for community confidence that the Road Safety Commission is not seen as a Government Department. The transparency of reporting on how improved road safety outcomes can be achieved including RTTF funds, must be demonstrated with safety outcomes from the *Towards Zero* strategy. Road Safety advocacy role needs to be included with community consultation and genuine involvement with delivery beyond awareness raising of road safety. Expert panels reviewing merit of RTTA submissions should be independent of Government to ensure the best advice is provided to the Minister.
3. Yes – e.g. membership and clarity of purpose. I shared my views with Peter Browne, and would be happy to be involved in this review.
4. The Advisory Council does not need to be a legislated body (and Government Board) and it is an advisory body to the Commissioner, not the Minister.
5. Actively involving Council in this review. Being more transparent and explanatory with position on each recommendation as what was put out previously was too short. Further investigation with the Victorian approach.
6. No, just action the changes asap. Would be good to unite members' expert panel community groups and key staff in workshops to air views, etc. Once a year strategic review of *Towards Zero* is too process driven designed to tick the boxes.
7. 1. Much greater devolvement of powers from the Minister to the Commissioner, 2. Greater control of the RTTA, 3. Appointment of Independent Councillors.

DISCLOSURES AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE

Committee Remuneration and Costs

Position	Name	Type of Remuneration	Period of Membership	Gross/ Actual remuneration 2015-2016 Financial Year
Chair	Murray Lampard	Monthly fees, plus expenses	1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015	\$21,037.47
Member	Councillor Geoff Amphlett	Sitting fee, plus expenses	1 July 2015 to 17 October 2015	\$1,320
Other	Road Safety Council	General expenses	1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016	\$37,858.48

Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Position	Name	Date of Declaration	Nature of Conflict of Interest
Deputy Local Government	Terri-Anne Pettet	29 October 2015 & 26 November 2015	Is a board member of the Injury Control Council of WA (ICCWA)

